(ख) यदि हां, तो जून 1991 तक कितने नागरिकों को जम्मू और काश्मीर क्षेत्र से अपने मकानों को सुरक्षा के कारणों से छोड़ना पड़ा ;

(ग) इन लोगों ने किन-किन स्थानों पर शरण ली है और क्या सरकार ने उन्हें अपने-अपने घरों को वापस भेजने के लिए कोई प्रभावी व्यवस्था की है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कितने लोग घरों को लौट गये हैं ?

संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम० एम० जैकब) :

(क) जी हां, श्रीमान् ।

(ख) और (ग) सदियों में कश्मीर घाटी से आम लोगों सहित मुसलमानों का प्रवासन एक आम बात है क्योंकि उनमें से अधिकतर व्यक्ति व्यापार और जलवायु के कारणों से मैदानी इलाकों में आते हैं । तथापि घाटी में स्थिति बिगड़ने के बाद बताया जाता है कि कुछ मुसलमान सुरक्षा के कारणों से प्रवासित हुए, लेकिन उनमें से अधिकतर अपने आपको इस डर के कारण दर्ज नहीं कराते हैं कि उनका पता लग जाएगा और घाटी में वापस जाने पर उन्हें आतंकवादियों के क्रोध का शिकार होना पड़ेगा ।

जून 1991 तक जम्मू में 54,000 और दिल्ली में 18,000 प्रवासी परिवार दर्ज किए गए जो अधिकांशतः गैर-मुसलिम थे । कुछ परिवारों ने उत्तर प्रदेश, हरियाणा, महाराष्ट्र, गुजरात, हिमाचल प्रदेश और मध्य प्रदेश में शरण ली है घाटी से आना और जाना एक सदा चलने वाली प्रक्रिया है लेकिन इन प्रवासियों का स्थायी रूप से घाटी में लौटने के बारे में कोई सूचना नहीं है। जम्मू और काश्मीर सरकार से प्रवासियों को चरणबद्ध रूप से घाटी में लौटाने के लिए योजना बनाने के लिए कहा गया है।

Article in 'India Today' on assassination of Late Rajiv Gandhi

1414. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article entitled "The Inside Story" published in the *India Today* of July 15, 1991 about the brutal assassination of Rajiv Gandhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the article details of plot of the assassins to kill Late Shri Rajiv Gandhi and some details of the action purported to have taken place by SIT in the investigation have been given. Since the matter is already under investigation, it would not be in public interest to disclose any details at the stage.

Vacancies of Chowkidars in various Deptts. of M.C.D.

1415. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are 91 vacancies of chowkidars which are lying vacant in various departments of M.C.D., Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that 1075 candidates of Employment Exchanges nominees have been awaiting for the last eight months and needful has not been done by the M.C.D Authorities to arrange their interviews etc.; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in the matter ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE

IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) There are vacancies in the posts of chowkidars in M.C.D.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The posts have not been filled up in view of instructions issued by the Delhi Administration for adopting economy in expenditure during the current financial year.

Vacancies of Chowkidars in LNJP Hospital

1416. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 331 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 26th February, 1991 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are about 25 vacancies of Chowkidars which are lying vacant in L.N.J.P. Hospital, New Delhi and Employment Exchanges nominees have been awaiting since January, 1991 and nothing has been done by the Authorities of L.N.J.P. Hospital to arrange their interviews etc. till date;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some Mebmers of Parliament have written to the Secretary (Med.), Delhi Administration about it and no proper action has been taken so far: and

(c) if so, the reasons for which the nominees of Employment Exchanges are being ignored?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Following a requisition by the Delhi Administration for filling up 19 vacancies of Chowkidars in LNJP Hospital, the Employment Exchange sponsored names of candidates in January, 1991. The names could not be considered as the Central Administrative Tribunal, vide its judgement dated 5th June, 1990, had directed the regularisation of the services of the daily-wage employees who had completed 240 days of continued service and the reinstatement of those whose services had been terminated. The daily wagers had been appointed because of shortage of staff. The Tribunal had further directed that no fresh recruitment through the Employment Exchange or otherwise should be made before considering the suitability of the daily-wage employees.

(b) The Delhi Administration has reported that no such references were received.

(c) As explained in reply to part (a) above.

Fishing boats of Indian Fishermen burnt by Sri Lankan Army

1417. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sri Lankan Army burnt the fishing boats of Indian fishermen during the last week of June, 1991;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government are aware of the continuous incidents of shooting of Indian fishermen and burning of Indian fishing boats by Sri Lankan Army; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to prevent such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) It has been reported that fishing boat No. RMS 913 and two others were burnt in Sri Lanka Navy's action against them on 26 June, 1991.

(c) Yes, Sir, In the preceding 12 months from July 1990, 9 confirmed incidents of apprehension/beating up/wiring on Indian fishermen have been reported by our concerned authorities. All these incidents have taken place on the Sri Lanka side of the international maritime boundary.

(d) Government have taken up the matter with Sri Lanka Government and impressed upon them the need to treat such